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The reply filed on 22 December 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The format of the amendment is improper. Applicant is requested to resubmit the amendment whereby all claims (be they new, previously presented, amended, cancelled, and/or withdrawn) are accounted for. In the present case, claims 36-40, 42-44 and 49 are indicated as being "new," yet claim 41 is indicated as being "amended," and no status indicator is provided for claims 45-48. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley L. Sisson whose telephone number is (571) 272-0751. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion, can be reached on (571) 272-0782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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